

††† SERMON NOTES †††  
PSALM 1 – HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

1. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. 3. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. 4. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

I. A Proper Understanding of Success

*"The steady progression toward worthwhile goals"; "finding God's will and \_\_\_\_\_ it"*

A. Success is stability - "tree planted by waters"

- 1) Intentional in life                      2) Solid and dependable

B. Success is productivity - "yields its fruit in season"

C. Success is prosperity.

- 1) You have to "\_\_\_\_\_ " something! - it is an action word, that means, interestingly enough, to produce by labor and work!  
2) Prosperity means "to \_\_\_\_\_ well". " It means to bring to conclusion, to accomplish successfully, to finish well.  
3) You can fulfill your purpose, even in " \_\_\_\_\_ " times.

D. Success is security. - "the Lord watches over his way" - v. 6

II. How to enjoy success this year

A. Choose the right influencers

- 1) Stay away from the counsel of the \_\_\_\_\_  
"walk" - a casual passing by  
"counsel" - way of thinking  
"ungodly" - people outside of God

- 2) Keep away from the way of \_\_\_\_\_  
"stand" - to stop and take a stand  
"way" - a marked out path, a way of living  
"sinners" - godless in their lifestyle

- 3) Stay out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the scornful  
"sit" - permanent dwelling  
"seat" - permanent residence - you have become part of them  
"scornful" - those who make fun of spiritual things

B. Choose the right principles – v. 2a “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” in the Law of the Lord

C. Live by the right beliefs - "meditate" v. 2b - put into \_\_\_\_\_

III. What it means to fail

- A. It means to end up discarded v. 4-6  
B. You become a failure by ignoring the principles of II above.

